

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 3-6 and cancel claim 7, as follows.

Listing of Claims

1-2. (CANCELED)

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A nozzle adapted to be coupled to a dispenser having a mounting recess with a first cam surface and a clamping member with a second cam surface, [[said]] the nozzle configured to dispense a filament of liquid assisted by pressurized process air [[and]], the nozzle comprising:

a nozzle body having a top side[[,]] and a bottom side ~~and a plurality of side walls~~, said top side including a liquid inlet and a process air inlet, and said bottom side including [[a]] at least one liquid discharge orifice in fluid communication with said liquid inlet and a plurality of process air outlets ~~discharge passages~~ in fluid communication with said process air inlet, [[and]]

first and second opposite side walls extending between said top and bottom sides, said first and second opposite side walls each including a cam surface adapted to respectively mate with the first and second cam surfaces of [[said]] the dispenser, and an air trough in fluid communication with said process air inlet and said process air outlets of said nozzle body, said air trough forming a nonlinear path for the process air flowing between said top side of said nozzle body and said process air outlets to

reduce the velocity of the process air discharging from said process air outlets relative to the velocity of the process air entering said air trough.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The nozzle of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of liquid discharge orifices in said nozzle body, said liquid discharge orifices and said process air outlets discharge passages configured to produce meltblown filaments.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The nozzle of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of liquid discharge orifices in said nozzle body, said liquid discharge orifices and said process air outlets discharge passages configured to produce a swirled filament from each of said liquid discharge orifices.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The nozzle of claim 3, wherein said liquid discharge orifice and process air outlets discharge passages are configured to produce a swirled filament.

7. (CANCELED)

8-15. (CANCELED)